

NEW TEST FEARED BY ARMY OFFICERS

Ninety Miles in Three Days
May Cause Re-
tirement.

Infantry Privates Object
to Long Practice
Marches.

There is no denying that the army is badly worried over the prospect of complying with the President's order for a three-day, ninety-mile horsemanship test this year.

"Modification" of the President's original horsemanship test is being worked out by General Bell, chief of staff, and the general staff. But the modification that the President wants is going to make the test vastly worse than ever, according to army officers. Instead of a fifteen-mile ride, it is going to involve the proposition of riding ninety miles in three days—seventy-two hours—and to include, according to present plans, a stunt in tramping and leading the horse several miles daily. The officers are sustained by one consideration—they don't believe such an order will be continued in force after the end of the present Administration, and so are getting themselves in shape to meet the requirement as well as possible.

Say Test Is Unreasonable.

In opposition to the President's different test, it is urged by army people, first, that there is no good reason for such a test, and second, that it will be very expensive. Already officers on desk duty—the roll-top soldiers—are being given two hours a day for exercise of various sorts in order to keep themselves in condition for the tests. Provisions of horses, grooms, etc., must be made at many places in order to keep up these exercises.

It is stated by a high military authority that the lowest estimate which has been made indicates that it will cost \$100,000 this year, to carry out these tests. Other officers put the figure a good deal higher. They add that it will cost the service a good many valuable men who are needed, though unable to, not equipped for this kind of a trial.

The ninety-miles-in-three-days test will come off this year for the first time. The greatest concern is admitted among army men about the conditions which will be arranged by General Bell and his aides, for much depends on this. Thus far it is not known, for instance, at how many places the test rides will be made, or under what conditions as to roads, weather, etc. It is pointed out that for such a severe stunt the difference in roads, temperance, horses, etc., might mean the difference between success for an inferior rider and failure for the best one in the service. The organization of such a project so as to assure a square deal for everybody is declared to be next to impossible.

The President is determined to have the test, however, and the army people sadly admit that the country thinks he is right about it. That is one of the great griefs of the officers. They haven't been able to convince the community at large that the President's idea is all nonsense.

Soldiers Oppose Marches.

In the practice marches for the infantry the public seems willing to admit that there is a good deal of unbecoming. The soldiers object to these, and claim no good is accomplished and great physical discomfort is often inflicted. But when it comes to the officers, nobody has any sympathy. Everybody seems to suspect them of being fat and lazy, or having tobacco habits, and more capacity for dancing than for campaigning. So the public's thumbs are down for the officer, but up for the private.

The army men are of the opinion that the real thing needed to improve the army is not horsemanship tests, but the passage of the legislation to increase compensation of officers and men. They could work for this bill with a good heart, if they were not discouraged about the horsemanship orders.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. BENNETT

Funeral services will be held for Mrs. Edna McCracken Bennett, who died Thursday, at the Church of the Covenant Monday, January 27, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Bennett was the wife of Robert R. Bennett, chief clerk of the Bureau of Manufacturers, and resided at 117 T street northwest. She was only sick a few weeks.

Mrs. Bennett was a native of Syracuse, N. Y., coming here with her husband when he was appointed to the Government service. She is survived by her husband, and a son, Tracey, fifteen years of age.

The pallbearers will be Stanton J. Peelle, Walter C. Clephane, Dr. Marcus Benjamin, Benjamin D. M. Miller, Dr. Charles F. Longworth and Thomas F. Hopkins.

ROBERT BURNS' BIRTHDAY OBSERVED BY CALEDONIANS

The 149th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns was celebrated last night by the Caledonian Club and their guests in the banquet hall of the Queen cafe. Several toasts were drunk to the memory of the Scottish poet, after a musical program had been rendered.

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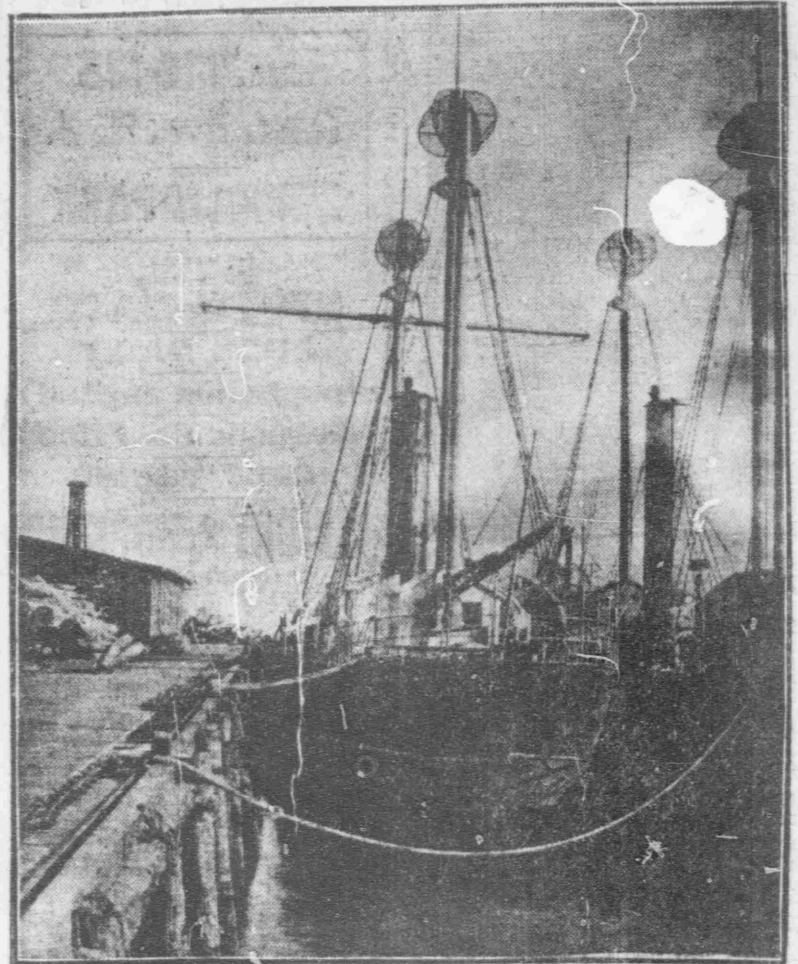
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LIGHTSHIP TO FOLLOW WAKE OF EVANS' FLEET



THE LIGHTSHIP THAT IS PREPARING TO TRAIL ADMIRAL EVANS' FLEET TO THE PACIFIC.

Will Serve as a Beacon on the Pacific Coast.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—A tiny craft is preparing to follow in the wake of the magnificent fleet of battleships now on its way to the Pacific Coast. It is a little lightship that is to serve as a beacon to mariners who seek to reach San Francisco. The lightship will travel under its own motive power with a crew of about twenty men. The little craft is at present at the Government yard at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, but will leave shortly on its long voyage to the Pacific Coast.

MASTER PLUMBERS URGE INCREASE FOR INSPECTORS

The Commissioners yesterday gave a hearing to a committee of the Masters Plumbers' Association, which appeared in support of the recommendation that the salaries of the four assistant inspectors of plumbing of the District be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200. Those named for the proposed increase are J. Fennell, W. A. Marsh, M. J. O'Callaghan and George Crawford.

The committee consisted of M. J. McCarthy, William Conrad, D. J. Murphy, F. W. Quinter, and W. D. Nolan. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration.

HORSEMANSHIP RETIREMENT.

Formal orders for the retirement of Major Pierce M. B. Travis, Eleventh Infantry, one of the officers designated by Secretary Taft in his horsemanship announcement a few days ago, were issued at the War Department yesterday. He will be retired from active service for inability to ride, on May 15 next.

GOMPERS ATTACKS JUSTICE GOULD

Editorial Criticism of De-
cision May be Contempt
of Court.

Those who have been watching the fight between the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Federation of Labor would not be at all surprised if contempt proceedings were instituted against President Gompers, of the latter organization.

Under his own name, Gompers, in today's issue of the American Federationist, prints an eight-page editorial in which he severely criticizes Justice Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, for the issuance of the injunction against the publication of the name of the Buckle Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, in the Federationist's "unfair" list.

Although the name of the concern is omitted from the list in the issue, Gompers makes frequent reference in the editorial to the fact that it has been heretofore on the list. The injunction decree, which is most sweeping in its character, forbade any reference of this sort.

Gompers announces that he will carry the matter up to the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, is chief counsel for the Federation in the case.

CHIEF PECK'S FUNERAL ON MONDAY MORNING

Although not definitely decided upon, it is probable that funeral services for Fred C. Peck, late chief of the Southern division of the Pension Office, will be held Monday morning. The services will be conducted by Rev. John G. Amos. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery.

Mr. Peck died Thursday morning after an attack of acute indigestion. Mrs. Peck was seventy-seven years old last Tuesday. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and entered the Federal army at the outbreak of the civil war. After the close of the war he was elected sheriff of Crawford county, Pa., and later a member of the first convention which framed the constitution of Pennsylvania. He removed afterward to Lake City, Col., and was elected a member of the senate of that State.

Mr. Peck was a resident of Washington for more than twenty years, during which time he was employed in the Pension Office.

READINGS FOR THE BLIND AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The following program has been announced for volunteer readings and music in the reading room for the blind at the Library of Congress:

Tuesday, January 25.—George A. Loud, lecture on the Panama canal.

Thursday, January 30.—Song recital by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Callow.

Saturday, February 1.—Miss Emavieve Rose, selections from English poets.

The readings and musicals at the Library are primarily for the benefit of the blind. Other persons will be admitted up to the seating capacity of the room, which will, however, accommodate only fifty persons in addition to the blind and their escorts. The first blind persons coming will be seated, and then the doors will be closed to the general public.

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"Affine" Dross Not Love, Nothing in Soul Mating, Says the Devoted Wife

But Husband Finds Letter From "Darling John," Who Pledges Forever, and Will Sue for \$50,000 for Heart Pains.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—"I find there is nothing in the affinity theory," Mrs. Alonzo Hough.

Mr. Hough has discovered that John Cottrell, the eloquent representative from Plymouth county, whom Mrs. Hough mistook for her soul-mate, had written another letter of some warmth to her yesterday. It runs:

"Oh, my darling, my idol, the love I have for you is so great and so strong that it will endure forever and though you shall decide that you can never be my wife, I will love you till death calls me. May our Father in heaven in His infinite love and mercy bless and protect you and keep you from all sorrow and suffering, my darling, is the greatest wish of my heart. Dear Beedle, my angel, write me and tell me that your love for me is the same as ever, for I will never believe otherwise until you, my dearie sweetest, tell me so. Sending you all the love I have and assuring you that I am just as loyal and faithful as ever, I am,

"Your John."

In Care of His Mother.

The astonished husband also learned that Cottrell has been addressing his letters in care of his mother, Mrs. George Nutting, here. Mrs. Hough has been going to Mrs. Nutting's house each evening; if there was a letter from Cottrell she read it and thrust it in her corage. Hough did not say where he found the letter quoted here.

When Hough found Cottrell's first letter, written after Hough, Cottrell, and their wives had exchanged forgiveness, he gave Mrs. Hough her choice between husband and affinity. Cottrell knew this, it would seem from the wording of his second billet-doux.

After Hough laid his hands on this fervid missive today his wife told him, while tears wet his cheeks and emotion choked his voice, that she has renounced Cottrell.

"I have never written to John, Alonzo," sobbed the unhappy woman. "It is true he has been writing letters addressed to Mother Nutting every day, but I have never written any to him. You may ask him if you wish. I swear before God I am telling you the truth."

"I have renounced John forever. I hope," Mrs. Hough said with emotion today, "it is not true that I begged my husband to come back to me and then began to correspond with Mr. Cottrell again. When I found there is nothing in the affinity theory and sent for my

husband I had made up my mind forever. I have been true to Mr. Hough since that time. I have never answered Cottrell's letters to me."

Going Away From There.

"Are you going away from here?" asked the visitor, sympathetically glancing at an open trunk.

"Yes," answered Mrs. Hough; "Alonzo and I are going to his ranch in Wyoming, where I can forget this horrible publicity, where I can be myself and where we can settle down to the life that we led before this man—before this man—Cottrell—"

"Mrs. Hough wept pitifully, but presently she looked up and said:

"Alonzo has been kind to me and I appreciate it. I was asking much of him, to return to me and take me to his heart again. He showed himself a true husband. I would be even more heartless than the people of Iowa think me if I should now send him away again. I have been dreadfully misunderstood throughout all this horrible affair. I hope some day the wrongs done all of us will be righted. God alone knows when they will be, but He will adjust everything in His own good time. Will you please go away now, my heart aches. I am sick through and through and you make my head ache."

Wants \$50,000.

To strike a note less spiritual, Mr. Hough declared that he will sue Cottrell, who is the wealthiest man in the Legislature, worth half a million, for \$50,000 for alienating Mrs. Hough's affections.

The Daughters of Rebekah have no qualms; the Ladies of the Maccabees would not know an affinity if they fell over it, and the members of the Degree of Phebeant are celebrated just for the high degrees of their virtues. Mrs. Hough has been an earnest worker in these chaste organizations and a leader in the Federation of Women's Clubs. The committee of the Daughters of the Maccabees, with truly feminine gentleness, have informed Mrs. Hough that she must appear at the "next regular lodge night and there make public confession of her wrongdoings or stand trial."

Mrs. Cottrell has left her husband again, it is reported. So good husbands here are asking: "If Mrs. Hough is reconciled to her husband where does Cottrell stand?" Politicians are guessing whether Cottrell will try to be reconciled.

TEMPERANCE CRUSADERS OPPOSE STATION LICENSE

A general movement to fight the spread of the sale of intoxicants in the District was organized last night at the Metropolitan M. E. Church by the temperance crusaders. Funds for financing the plans of the crusade were raised.

The first object of attack will be the Washington Excise Board, to compel them to revoke the license for a bar in the Union Station. The fight will be carried into the courts if necessary.

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mountain climber, master-
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his escape from madhouse
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